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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO AMEMBASSY
LISBON AMCONSUL LUANDA FROM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 1127

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DESTROYER VISITS TO LOURENCO MARQUES

1. DURING VISIT OF AF/I DIRECTOR ZACHARY, WE DISCUSSED FUTURE
VISITS OF US DESTROYERS TO LOURENCO MARQUES. I REMINDED HIM
THAT WE HAD HAD NO VISITS SINCE JULY AND WERE IN THE DARK
CONCERNING (A) WHY THE DESTROYER VISITS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY
OCTOBER WERE CANCELLED, AND (B) WHAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT
SIX MONTHS.

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WM ALSO TOLD ZACHARY I THOUGHT ANY VISIT REQUEST PRIOR TO

INDEPENDENCE IN JUNE 1975 SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH NORMAL PORTUGUESE CHANNELS IN LISBON BUT THAT BEFORE DESTROYERS ARRIVED, WE WOULD HAVE TO BE SURE THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED. IT WOULD BE BEST IF PORTUGUESE HERE WOULD DO THIS AND WE SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR TO LISBON. IN ANY EVENT, PRIMIN CHIASSANO SHOULD NOT WAKE UP ONE MORNING AND SEE TWO UNEXPECTED US WARSHIPS IN HARBOR.

3. AS FIRST STEP, I SUGGESTED AF/I DISCREETLY FIND OUT FROM US NAVY WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE, WITHOUT IN ANY WAY PUSHING VISIT OR SUGGESTING STATE WOULD PREDICT OUTCOME OF REQUEST.
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